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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Ernest C. Baynard, Legislative Assistant to Senator John M. Butler (R., Md.).

1. On 23 June 1956 Mr. Ernest C. Baynard, Legislative Assistant to Senator John M. Butler (R., Md.), telephoned to seek information in addition to that which he had read in the recent Report of a Hearing by the House Appropriations Committee concerning our new building. His entire conversation was obviously directed to find weaknesses in our Langley site. He said he understood that we were now going to need an additional $10,000,000 and wondered if this wasn't very odd in view of the fact that our estimate was only a year old. I explained that the present $56 million estimate was in fact very close to our original estimate and that with the rise in construction costs we did not consider it at all unusual.

2. With regard to the roadwork I explained that $8.5 million would be spent for the extension to the George Washington Memorial Parkway which had been authorized since 1930 and which the Government would eventually pay for in any case. I also explained that the project of four-laning Highway No. 123 was a State of Virginia undertaking and did not influence the cost of our project in any way insofar as the Federal Government was concerned. He wanted to know how one would get on the Parkway from the Chain Bridge and I told him that as I understood it there would be no interchange at the Chain Bridge. He speculated that we would overload this Bridge, but I told him I was sure that this would not happen. He wanted to know how much of the additional $10,000,000 we needed was due to the Langley site; I said, "None."

3. I think there is very great likelihood that we will have the Maryland representation opposing us again at the forthcoming Senate Hearing.

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